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John I giue thee leaue to tell me, so I lay aside that which growes to me, if thou getst any leaue of me, hang me, if thou takst leaue, thou wert better be hangd, you hunt coüter, hence, auant.

Seru. Sir, my Lord would speake with you.

Iust. Sir Iohn Falstaffe, a word with you.

Falst. My good Lord, God giue your lordship good time of day, I am glad to see your lordship abroad, I heard say your lordship was sicke, I hope your lordship goes abroad by aduise, your lordship, though not clean past your youth, haue yet some smack of an ague in you, some relish of the saltnes of time in you, and I most humbly beseech your lordship to haue a reuerend care of your health.

Iustice Sir Iohn, I sent for you before your expedition to Shrewsbury.

Sir Iohn Andt please your lorchip, I heare his maiesty is returned with some discomfort from Wales.

Iust. I talke not of his maiesty, you would not come when I sent for you.

Falst. And I heare moreouer, his highnes is falne into this same horson apoplexi.

Iust. Well, God mend him, I pray you let me speake with you.

Falst. This appoplexi as I take it is a kind of lethergie, and't please your lordship, a kind of sleeping in the bloud, a horson tingling.

Iust. What tell you me of it, be it as it is.

Falst. It hath it originall from much griefe, from study, and perturbation of the braine, I haue read the cause of his effects in Galen, it is a kind of deafenes.

Iust. I think you are falne into the disease, for you heare not what I say to you.

Old. Very wel my lord, very wel, rather and't please you it is the disease of not listning; the maladie of not marking that I am troubled withall.

Iust. To punish you by the heeles, would amend the attention

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tion of your cares, and I care not for a physician.

Falst. I am as poore as Iob my lord, your Lordship may minister the poore me, in respect of pouerty, but how I follow your prescriptions, the wise man will say, a scruple, or indeede a scruple it selfe.

Iust. I sent for you when there was need of your life to come speake with me.

Falst. As I was then aduise by the lawes of this land seruice, I did not come.

Iust. Wel, the truth is sir Iohn, you were not here.

Falst. He that buckles himselfe in the least.

Iust. Your meanes are very slender.

Falst. I would it were otherwise, I would it were greater and my waste slender.

Iust. You haue missed the youthfull.

Falst. The yong prince hath missed the great belly, and he my dogge.

Iust. Wel, I am loth to gall a new seruice at Shrewsbury, hath a little gall, exploit on Gadshill, you may thanke me for quiet oreposting that action.

Falst. My lord.

Iust. But since all is well, keepe it well.

Falst. To wake a wolfe, is as bad as to wake a child.

Iust. VVhat you are as a candle, my lord.

Falst. A wassel candle my lord, at that time my growth would approue the truth.

Iust. There is not a white haire in your head, haue his effect of grauity.

Falst. His effect of grauy, graue, my lord.

Iust. You follow the yong prince in all angell.